



RSPA RESULTS...

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RSPA Administrator Announces New Safety Initiative

Focusing on RSPA's mission of safety, **Administrator Ellen Engleman** announced a new agency initiative — the *Transportation Safety Tune-Up* (TSTU). The TSTU is a citizen-centered safety outreach program. This RSPA program will include customized pipeline, hazmat, emergency

transportation, safety training and safety technology programs for local communities.

"At RSPA, safety is our number one priority," said Administrator Engleman. "We have created the *Transportation Safety Tune-Up* to bring our safety education programs to American communities."

TSTU is designed to create community awareness of hazardous materials in

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Administrator Ellen G. Engleman

transportation and help communities assess their preparedness for transportation emergencies, diagnose risks and weaknesses and prioritize remedies. It is a presentation for local community leaders, emergency planners, emergency responders, planning/zoning officials businesses and news media.

"Like a tune-up for your car, TSTU is a balanced, systematic approach to ensure a neglected component doesn't lead to failure," said Engleman.

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RSPA Enforcement Actions Increased For Safety



RSPA's Hazmat enforcement attorneys — Karin Christian, Nancy Machado, Ed Bonekemper, Anil Mehta and Mike Hilder.

RSPA's Office of Chief Counsel is increasing its enforcement actions in order to support RSPA's safety mission. Their efforts result in record-breaking enforcement numbers for the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety and the Office of Pipeline Safety.

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RSPA welcomes **Marion Blakey** to the DOT Team. Ms. Blakey, former Chairman of the NTSB, is the new Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

RSPA looks forward to working with Administrator Blakey in her new role.

The Administrator's Office

From the Desk of the Administrator...



Administrator Ellen G. Engleman

The events of September 11, 2001, were life-changing. Our sense of safety changed forever.

I am proud of the way that RSPA responded to the tragic events of 9-11 and I am grateful to the dedication and commitment of the RSPA team to the safety of the Nation.

As I said at the *RSPA Remembers* ceremony, the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks is a time to reflect on the many lives lost, and saved, last

September. We must never forget that RSPA's number one mission is **safety**.

Through RSPA's pipeline and hazardous materials safety programs, actions during times of national emergencies, and support of transportation safety innovations through research and education, team RSPA continues to demonstrate its unwavering dedication to the safety of the American people.

Always remember, we have the privilege to serve.

RSPA is Going for Green With the Honors Attorneys Program — A Human Capital Initiative



On September 9, the 2002 class of DOT Honors Attorneys was sworn in as RSPA employees. Following their orientation briefings, they were welcomed by **Administrator Engleman** and given an overview of the RSPA Office of Chief Counsel by **Elaine Joost**.

Every two years the DOT Office of the General Counsel sponsors, and RSPA administers, an Honors Program for new or recent law graduates. After extensive interviewing of third-year law students on campuses around the Nation, the Department selects candidates for a two-year program. Each Honors Attorney completes several four-month rotations in counsel offices throughout DOT.

Honors Attorneys receive

assignments that develop an understanding of the particular legal problems that face each operating administration.

The Office of the General Counsel and the Chief Counsels' offices hire attorneys on a permanent basis as needs arise and personnel allocations permit.

The first member of the 2002 class of Honors Attorneys to elect a rotation in RSPA is **Daeleen Chesley**, who recently earned her Juris Doctor from Willamette University College of Law, Salem Oregon. At Willamette, she was a law review editor, earned the Trustees Merit Scholarship, and was honored for her work in legal research and writing.

Ms. Chesley will be working in DCC-10 on hazmat enforcement

and other legal matters until about January 3, 2003, when she will rotate to a different legal office within DOT.

Past Honors Attorneys who have become permanent members of RSPA's DCC staff include **Sherri Pappas** and **Robert Monniere**, who is now Chief Counsel of BTS. DOT Deputy General Counsel **Lindy Knapp** is also a former Honors Attorney.



RSPA's new Honors Attorney,

RSPA in ACTION

RSPA Takes Lead On New Border Safety and Security Initiative

On September 5, **Administrator Ellen Engleman** was a featured speaker at the rollout of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Automatic Identification System (AIS) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The AIS helps maintain the safety and security of our borders through the use of state-of-the-art technology applications.

The AIS is a shipboard broadcasting transponder system that is capable of sending ship information such as identification, position, speed, and heading to other ships and to shore. It will streamline Seaway operations while making them safer.

The AIS is a joint project of RSPA's Volpe Center, the St. Lawrence Seaway Development

Corporation (SLSDC), and the St. Lawrence Seaway management Corporation, SLSDC's Canadian counterpart. The Volpe Center team includes **Kam Chin, Daniel Nim** and **Brian Long**.



Administrator Engleman at the AIS roll-out. CNN's Moneyline covered the story.

RSPA Leads Discussion on Placarding Safety

RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, NTSB, Office of Homeland Security, FMCSA, FRA, TSA and industry representatives attended a RSPA workshop to discuss the safety and security implications of placarding hazardous material shipments. The discussion focused on the potential safety and security related vulnerabilities of hazmat transportation. The participants discussed the current system of placarding and alternative hazard communication systems.



Dr. Jan Brecht-Clark, OHS, (left) and RSPA's Frits Wybenga (far right), listen during the discussions at the placarding session.

RSPA Administrator Focuses on Safety Applications of UAV's During Interview With Aerospace Daily



On September 16, **Administrator Engleman** gave an interview to Aerospace Daily on RSPA's leadership in using unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) for pipeline and hazmat safety and security programs. "Since 9/11, I see UAV platforms as an absolutely phenomenal opportunity to support safety and security applications," Engleman told Aerospace Daily. "Many of our basic products that we use in a technology-based world - such as chlorine for water purification, fuel trucks, [etc.] - unfortunately could be used by the bad guys to do bad things," Engleman said. UAVs may offer a way to monitor the safety of the Nation's pipeline and hazmat systems at a lower cost and with higher results. RSPA will host a conference on potential UAV applications in the late fall or early spring in Washington, DC, with industry and government representatives. The focus will be safety. To read the entire Aerospace Daily article, please visit http://aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_military.jsp?view=story&id=news/muavs0916.xml.

Pipeline Safety

RSPA's OPS Partners With NAPSR on Safety Agenda

RSPA OPS senior staff recently met with the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) in St. Louis, Missouri. The NAPSR is a key partner that works with RSPA to ensure the safety and security of the Nation's energy pipeline delivery network.

The Nation's pipeline safety team focused on improving coordination of testing and repairing the Nation's pipelines, and enforcing pipeline operator compliance with RSPA safety regulations. This meeting

provided a critical opportunity for NAPSR and RSPA's OPS to strengthen their long-standing plans to enforce new integrity management and operator qualification requirements.



Doug Kilpatrick (WA), Charles Kenow (MN) and Stacey Gerard, focus on pipeline safety and security during a discussion at NAPSR.

In the Pipeline

RSPA is conducting emergency response and safety exercises with pipeline operators. "A rigorous, realistic exercise program is essential to ensuring the safety and security of our Nation's pipelines," said **Administrator Engleman**. "Our program will help keep Americans living and working near pipelines safe and secure."

RSPA Improves Pipeline Safety Research

Team RSPA is nearing completion of its year-long effort to dramatically improve the caliber of pipeline safety research and development. In November 2001, **Administrator Engleman** challenged OPS and pipeline safety stakeholders to develop a competitive program that significantly leverages Federal investment in pipeline safety research with industry and universities, while simultaneously ensuring that higher quality projects are selected. RSPA's OPS has responded by building a partnership with Federal agencies, State pipeline safety partners and pipeline industry experts to help prioritize research needs and to help screen competitive research proposals.

RSPA will announce the first awards under this process - all of which require at least 50% co-funding. Due to RSPA's innovative leadership, other Federal agency partners have invited RSPA to participate in their competitive project evaluations. More information on this quickly evolving program can be found at: <http://primis.rspa.dot.gov/rd/>.

OPS In Action...

- RSPA's OPS successful new program with State partners, Federal agencies and industry continues to support safety and security of the Nation's pipeline infrastructure. The program, initiated prior to September 11, 2002, has supported post 9-11 communication requirements, deterrents planning, and preparation for disaster recovery. OPS successfully utilized this program in recent communication of Pipeline Security Messages that advise operators of their responsibility to take appropriate safety and security measures in accordance with specific OPS guidelines when the threat level raised from yellow to orange.
- On September 10, RSPA's OPS published an Advisory Bulletin on proper leak detection and corrosion monitoring of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Distribution Systems. Recommendations were made in conjunction with the accident in Snowhill, Maryland, in which heavy rains caused leaking propane to migrate to low areas.
- NTSB closed two more recommendations (P-95-4 and P-97-8) as "acceptable" in September.

Emergency Transportation

RSPA's OET Deputy Director Honored for September 11 Safety Role

During the Departmental September 11 remembrance ceremony, **Janet Benini**, RSPA's Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Transportation, received the Secretary of Transportation 9-11 Medal. Ms. Benini was honored for her service in the Secretary's Crisis Management Center on September 11 and the days that followed.



The 9/11 medal and citation presented to RSPA's Janet Benini

The citation reads: "For meritorious service and sacrifice in the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. In the hours and days after the attacks, countless humanitarian and heroic acts as well as

extraordinary devotion to duty took place, followed by response, recovery and rebuilding. As a shocked Nation awoke to the new and real threat of terrorism within the borders of the United States, these dedicated professionals rose to the challenge of establishing a dramatically heightened security presence, positively impacting millions of citizens throughout the entire transportation infrastructure. By their sacrifice, professionalism, and esprit de corps, these men and women reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States of America."



Deputy Secretary Michael Jackson reads the citation while Secretary Mineta congratulates Janet Benini

OET Monitors Safety of Historic Congressional Event

On September 6, additional Crisis Management Center cadre were activated along with the OET core staff and representatives from FRA, FAA, FHWA, FTA, and TSA to staff Operating Administration desks for the transportation of over 300 Members of Congress to and from New York via Amtrak.

Congress was gaveled into ceremonial session at Federal Hall in the heart of New York City to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of last September and to salute the sacrifices and bravery during and following that attack.

The Members demonstrated the Nation's unity and patriotism by gathering at the site where the first Congress convened in 1789.

RSPA'S OET Hosts Safety Workshop To Focus on Bio-terrorism

RSPA's Office of Emergency Transportation (OET) will sponsor a safety-oriented Bio-terrorism Workshop titled "Transportation Issues in Bio-terrorism: Considerations for Evacuation and Quarantine" on November 19-20, 2002, at Loews L' Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. The workshop will include a panel discussion on current transportation issues and concerns, as well as table top exercises that will hone the participants response skills. The focus will be on transportation safety issues that can arise during a bio-terrorism attack.

Hazardous Materials Safety

RSPA's HazMat Office Spearheads Strike Force To Ensure Safety in Container Shipping

In April, RSPA's Hazardous Materials Enforcement Western Region Office spearheaded "Operation El Portal," a multi-agency hazardous materials strike (Haz-Strike) force in and around the Port of Long Beach/Los Angeles. Future Haz-Strike inspections will benefit from the container shipping security initiatives currently being proposed. By confirming the security of incoming freight containers, fewer containers will require inspection.

Over 90 representatives from Federal, State and local agencies with civil and/or criminal law

enforcement authority conducted inspections focused primarily on hazardous material shipments. During the two-week operation, a total of 88 vessels docked, off-loaded and loaded freight containers. Each vessel averaged 5,600 freight containers, of which approximately 20%, or 98,560, were estimated to contain hazardous materials.



A ship is preparing to unload its cargo

Inspection of some 684 containers resulted in the discovery of 386 hazmat violations, a 56.4% violation rate. Successful inspections like "Operation El Portal" enable inspectors and law enforcement officers to remove unsafe freight containers from the transportation system until the safety violations are corrected.

Enforcement Team Convenes For Training

RSPA held its annual Enforcement Conference at Solomons Island, Maryland. The conference trains the HazMat enforcement staff and attorneys that support the hazardous materials program on "best practices," legal issues, exemptions and Freedom of Information Act issues.



Jesse Hughes and Kevin Boehne participate in a discussion on Hazmat safety and enforcement

RSPA's OHMS Participates in Forum Focusing on Safety

Representatives from RSPA's Hazmat Safety Office attended a workshop on container security tags, seals and intrusion detection sensors on August 19-20. The workshop was co-sponsored by DOT and DOE for the purpose of reviewing the type of devices available in the marketplace to protect against a weapon of mass destruction being placed in a shipping container destined for the United States.

A broad range of organizations were represented, including DOT OST, RSPA, FHWA, USCG, TSA, DOE, DOD, and U.S. Customs. Follow-up meetings will develop security device design and performance requirements that may ultimately result in mandatory deployment to enhance safety and security.

RSPA Showcases UAV Need for DOT Applications

As a result of the DOT/NASA Remote Sensing and Technology Application Project, the first ever operational test of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) system for transportation systems application was performed. The GeoGraphics Laboratory at Bridgewater State's Moakley Center for Technological Applications has been developing innovative uses of UAVs to improve transit operations.

The UAV, nicknamed the Bat, weighs 10 pounds and operates autonomously in delivering high quality

video imagery and sensor data in real time. It demonstrated the viability of UAV technologies for monitoring multimodal transportation operations and freight movements, and the effectiveness of remote sensing applications for homeland security. RSPA's Office of Innovation, Research and Education manages the project.



RSPA Supports the President's Agenda Through Research

In direct support of the President's Management Agenda, RSPA's Office of Innovation, Research and Education continues to represent the Department to the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Working Group on the Implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Research and Development (R&D) Investment Criteria. The group is helping to better define the return on investment for Federal research and developing decision-making criteria for future Federal research investments. RSPA has assisted the NSTC and OMB in defining the criteria and developing an implementation strategy, and has ensured that all DOT research organizations are prepared to implement the R&D Investment Criteria.

RSPA is Going for Green — Disaster Management Work Supports E-Government Initiative

In direct support of the President's e-government initiative, **Rita Freeman-Kelly** of DIR has been detailed to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) as DOT's key technical employee.

Ms. Freeman is representing the Department on the team developing a new Web-based portal to Federal disaster assistance citizen services.

DOT is one of only four Federal agencies providing staff to this effort, and one of nine providing data for inclusion in the portal.

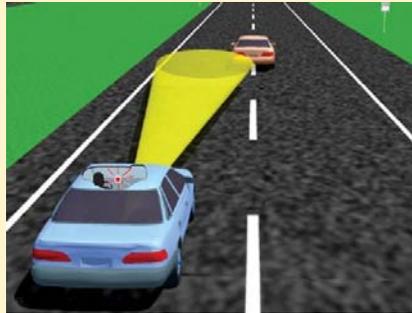


RSPA's Volpe Center

RSPA's Volpe Works With NHTSA To Save Lives

RSPA's Volpe Center provides technical support to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under the Intelligent Vehicle Initiative (IVI). Each year, more than 6 million vehicle crashes occur on our nation's highways. Crashes kill more than 41,000 people, injure approximately 3.4 million others, and cost more than \$150 billion per year. Driver error is the leading cause of highway crashes.

Through the IVI, RSPA's Volpe is working to reduce crashes by helping drivers avoid hazardous mistakes. RSPA is developing products that will warn drivers of dangerous situations, recommend actions, and even assume partial control of vehicles to avoid collisions, ultimately reducing deaths and injuries.



A computer simulation of the Intelligent Cruise Control.

RSPA's Volpe is Going for Green — Human Capital Development



RSPA's Volpe Center has 35 student interns working in the technology arena. The Center successfully hired 9 of the 23 students who graduated this year as full-time RSPA employees.

RSPA Volpe Supports U.S. Air Force

In August, RSPA's Volpe staff member **Pat Martone** participated in a U.S. Air Force and NATO Mid-Term Modernization program meeting held in New York. The Volpe Center is supporting the development of a crypto secure, jam resistant, Mode 5 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) interrogation capability for the U.S. Air Force AWACS fleet of thirty-three aircraft. The NATO AWACS program office has expressed interest in collaborating in the U.S. development activities and is also participating in these technical interchange meetings.

RSPA's Volpe Hosts FAA At OTIS Weather Test Facility

RSPA's Volpe Center staff member **Tom Seliga** hosted a contingent of FAA representatives at the Otis Weather Test Facility (WTF) in Falmouth, Massachusetts, where they advanced the agency's procurement of a second generation Runway Visual Range (RVR) system.

RVR is important information to pilots using instrument approaches at airports around the world. Many instrument approaches require precise runway visual distance information before a landing in bad weather can be executed by the pilot. Better sensors can provide more precise information to pilots about actual runway conditions, and in turn provide safer landings.

RSPA's Volpe Center has worked with the FAA for over 20 years in the development and procurement of the current forward scatter RVR system. Volpe's extensive knowledge and experience in the science and technology of visibility measurements has been a major factor in the acceptance of forward scatter technique as the preferred means of measuring RVR worldwide.

Transportation Safety Institute

TSI Focuses on Safety — Supports NHTSA's National Automotive Sampling System Program

RSPA's TSI is focused on public safety through its National Automotive Sampling System (NASS) NASS training. TSI has been given the responsibility of conducting NASS training for researchers on behalf of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to develop a highly educated transportation workforce. The NASS program was established in 1979 and is operated by NHTSA as part of a nationwide effort to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and deaths on our highways. NASS collects detailed data on a representative, random sample of

hundreds of thousands of minor, serious and fatal crashes involving passenger cars, trucks,

motorcycles, and pedestrians.

At TSI, students have access to crashed vehicles as well as simulated crash scenes designed to match the damage

patterns of the vehicles. Through increasingly difficult crash scenarios, the students are able to hone their skills over the course of three sessions. The educational design of the curriculum fosters a structured, yet flexible environment where NASS researchers can experience comprehensive and professional training.



Crash test vehicle provides practice documenting the damage to vehicles and injury to its occupants.

"This program represents the significant safety education programs that RSPA's TSI administers on behalf of ONE DOT."

Administrator Ellen G. Engleman

Bus Safety Course Is Popular At RSPA's TSI

A plan is being finalized between RSPA's TSI Special Programs Division and the FAA to manage the International Civil Aviation Organization endorsed safety inspector training under the TRAINAIR Program.

RSPA's TSI is educating our Nation's future bus collision investigators through its "Fundamentals and Intermediate Bus Collision Investigation Course" directed by **Mike Nolan**. TSI is preparing investigators to face the media, interview witnesses, collect on-scene evidence from the damage and debris, compute simple speed estimate and file the proper reports. The course makes up two of the most popular training classes conducted in FY02, and is sponsored and funded by FTA.

Over 219 students completed the fundamentals course in 2002.

Eighty-six students are continuing on to the intermediate course that involves extensive calculations of complex speed estimates, including time and distance relationships. Course critiques consistently re-enforce the value of training received.



Students investigate the scene of a bus accident during TSI's "Fundamentals and Intermediate Bus Collision Investigation

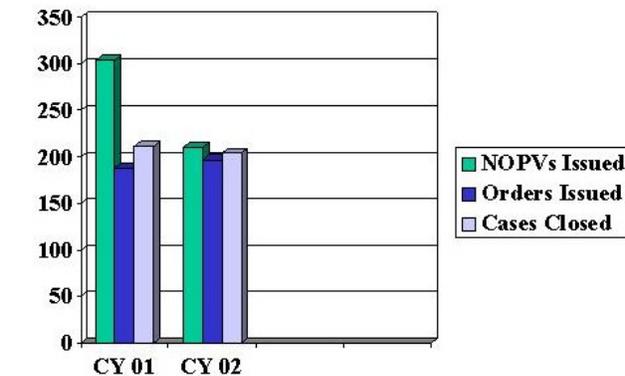
Civil Rights / Chief Counsel

Hazmat Attorneys Increase Safety Through Enforcement

Per the direction of **Administrator Ellen Engleman**, the hazmat attorneys in the Chief Counsel’s Office are improving the safety of hazardous materials transportation through their handling of hazmat civil penalty cases. They are now tracking the time it takes to start a case after receiving a complete referral, and as of August 1, they are averaging less than 30 days to issue notices. They are formally and quickly advising suspected violators of alleged violations and thereby bringing about early corrective action and enhanced safety.

The hazmat attorneys are also reducing the possibility of a case backlog. They are on track of having no more than 60 pre-2002 cases remaining without orders by the end of 2002 and have issued 200 orders thus far this year. By eliminating old cases, they are promoting safety by pressing for corrective actions and imposing appropriate sanctions in a timely manner.

Administrative Enforcement Actions by DCC HazMat Safety Team (CY01 and CY02 Through August)



Pipeline Attorneys Increase Safety Through Enforcement

“RSPA is improving the enforcement record of the pipeline safety program,” said **Administrator Engleman**. The attorneys in the Pipeline Safety and General Law Division of DCC more than doubled the previous year’s rate of administrative action on enforcement cases. The nature and complexity of such actions range from issuing a Corrective Action Order shutting down a pipeline to presiding over a hearing. At the start of CY 2002, the pipeline safety attorneys and their paralegal assistant committed to the goal of achieving a rate of taking administrative action on seven enforcement cases per month, a productivity increase of 22 percent. By the end of August they had far exceeded that goal, having achieved an increase of more than 110 percent.

Civil Rights Office Promotes Hispanic History Month

RSPA’s Office of Civil Rights is assisting the Department in preparing the DOT-wide Hispanic History awareness program and in developing workshops for DOT employees. Recognition includes a hallway exhibit of the 21 Hispanic flags.

In September, guest speaker Captain Linda Pauwels of American Airlines will attend DOT’s kick-off ceremony.



Tracey Tate hangs a poster celebrating Hispanic History



RSPA’s Pipeline Enforcement Attorneys — Larry White, Paul Sanchez, Renita Bivins, Ahren Tryon and Michelle Bouzianne

Management and Administration

RSPA Continues Going for Green — An E-Grant Initiative



The President's Management Initiative of E-Government has begun a new component called E-Grants. "I am committed to RSPA's pro-active leadership in E-government, and proud that RSPA became the *first* DOT mode to register and post a grant notice under the E-Grants website pilot," said **Administrator Ellen Engleman**. **Keith O'Neill** from RSPA's Office of Contracts and Procurement is leading RSPA's E-Grants initiative, and RSPA's major grant players, the Office of Pipeline Safety, the Office of Hazardous Materials, and the Office of Innovation, Research, and Education have all provided important input and feedback under this initiative.

The focus of this initiative is to streamline the federal grants process and use by grantees. Under the E-Grants initiative which is chaired by HHS, DOT was selected as one of 11 federal agencies to participate in a website pilot program aimed at establishing a single federal site for the posting of grant opportunities. DOT established a multi-modal grants working group to provide input into the overall government wide E-Grants effort. The DOT working group, under which RSPA is an active participant, is providing input into the website pilot where grants processes would be standardized, grantees will find grant opportunities in their specific areas of interest, apply for and receive grants electronically, submit reports and collect funds electronically.

RSPA is Going for Green — A Competitive Sourcing Update



On August 20 RSPA moved to "Yellow" on its Competitive Sourcing scorecard with its submission of the FY03 Competitive Sourcing Plan to the Office of the Secretary (OST), and **Lisa Wilusz** of DMA was instrumental in RSPA's success. "RSPA supports the President's goal to compete 15 percent of its commercial activities by September 2003," said **Administrator Engleman**. RSPA's Plan was consolidated with those submitted by the other DOT operating administrations and submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.

On September 19 **Paul Robinson**, Director of Human Resources, participated in an Interagency Human Resources Competitive Sourcing meeting to discuss employee and human resources management issues during the competitive sourcing process. In addition, RSPA Headquarters and Volpe continue to meet the future challenges of achieving a "most efficient organization."

RSPA Partners With State of Texas to Get Going For Green

RSPA is working with the State of Texas to compile and evaluate data on gathering lines in Texas. Rural gathering lines, which carry oil and natural gas from wells to larger-diameter transmission lines, are not currently subject to government inspection, strength standards or testing requirements.

Texas has more miles of pipeline than any other State, with regulatory duties split between the Texas Railroad Commission and RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). OPS is leading the way to assess safety risks associated with gathering lines. However, additional gathering line data is required before making any regulatory changes.

"This effort supports the OPS initiative to establish State pipeline safety partnerships and *Going for the Green* – OPS 36-month plan, Strategic Goal 112, *Develop Record Tracking System*," said **Administrator Engleman**. **Tom Scott** from RSPA's Office of Contracts and Procurement has been instrumental in managing this project.

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And Performance Equals RSPA RESULTS!**

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RSPA Remembers...

The RSPA family came together on September 11 to share in a moment of remembrance and rededication, honoring the many lives lost, and saved, last September. It was a time for those who attended to share their thoughts and feelings.



Administrator Engleman began by praising the professional and unselfish efforts of everyone in RSPA by saying, "We have much to remember. The response of DOT... the response of RSPA... on September 11th and every day

since... has reflected your dedication, devotion and professionalism to the safety of the American people."

In particular, she highlighted the Crisis Management Center staff and volunteers who immediately manned that office and kept Secretary Mineta updated with critical information on the state of the nation's transportation infrastructure. "In moments of uncertainty—uncertainty for their personal safety—they



Administrator Ellen Engleman expresses her gratitude to the RSPA family for their dedication and commitment to public ser-



The new plaque and Kousa Dogwood Tree dedicated at RSPA's Volpe

stayed at their posts, driven by their sense of service," said Engleman.

RSPA's Transportation Safety Institute in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma participated via teleconference, and the Administrator spent time with RSPA's Volpe Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, via videoconference.

In addition, RSPA Volpe Center dedicated a newly planted Kousa Dogwood tree to those who lost their lives on September 11 and to those who grieve them.